



# VISIONS

## Oh! The Experience

“Awesome”, “Incredible”, “Amazing”, “What walking into heaven must be like”, and “Overwhelming” are just a few of the expressions heard to describe the Emmaus Candlelight experience.



**The candlelight Experience**

“We who believe are carefully joined together, becoming a holy temple for the Lord” Ephesians 2:21 (NLT)

“You are members of God’s very own family, citizens of God’s country, and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19b (LB)

“In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” Romans 12:5 (NIV)

Why does this celebration evoke such an outpouring of emotion? Why is the Holy Spirit felt so powerfully at this time? Is it not because more of our Community brothers and sisters give of their time to serve God and one another during Candlelight than at any other service?

every Gathering? Would we not each have an even more awesome and amazing worship experience each month?

Will the same adjectives be used to describe the November 14<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup> Gatherings as we come together as Christ’s body to worship Him and fellowship together? If we are all there in God’s presence He will make it happen. Let us each one attend and experience the joy first hand!

See you at the Gatherings; they will not be the same without you!

De Colores!

Your fellow servant and Community Lay Director,

Bill Chambers

What would be the impact if as many of us could make closings and Chrysalis events priorities? How much closer would we be as a Community and how much more could we serve our Lord and one another if we all worshiped together at

## Spring Walk Lay Directors

Please pray for these faithful and dedicated servants as they assemble and prepare teams to minister to the pilgrims that God will be sending us this Spring.

**Men’s Walk #17**  
March 11—14, 2004  
Christ UMC—Middletown  
Lay Director—Mike Housh

**Women’s Walk #21**  
March 25—28, 2004  
Christ UMC—Middletown  
Lay Director—Anne Lapham

### Mark your Calendars

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Gathering                  | 11/14/03          |
| Girl’s Chrysalis Flight #6 | 11/28/03–11/30/03 |
| Gathering                  | 12/12/03          |
| Gathering                  | 1/09/04           |
| Boys Chrysalis Flight #5   | 1/17/04–1/19/04   |
| Men’s Walk #17             | 3/11/04–3/14/04   |
| Women’s Walk #20           | 3/25/04–3/28/04   |

### Year-End Contribution Reminders

As you start to think about your 2003 year-end charitable contributions, don’t forget the Northern Lights Emmaus Community!

If your contribution is received or postmarked by December 31, our new Treasurer, Connie Young, will make sure your receipt shows 2003 as the year for your tax-deductible contribution.

Thanks for your support!!

# Board of Directors

## Northern Lights Emmaus 2003-2004

This is a listing of your fellow Community members who have been elected and agree to serve as your board of directors for the coming year. We wish to thank each one and pray that every decision is that of the Holy Spirit working through us.

*"I can do all things through Jesus Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4:13*

| Role                                     | Name              | Phone          |
|--|-------------------|----------------|
| Community Lay Director                   | Bill Chambers     | (513) 931-9770 |
| Community Spiritual Director             | John Eshelman     | (513) 893-5311 |
| Secretary                                | Kyle Jones        | (513) 777-3059 |
| Treasurer                                | Connie Young      | (513) 727-3277 |
| Agape                                    | Larry Maher       | (513) 779-8508 |
| Information Management                   | Darla Crum        | (513) 868-8537 |
| Sponsorship, Education, & Music          | Carl Heismann     | (513) 539-4540 |
| Good Shepherd                            | Ray Bauer         | (513) 459-0137 |
| Logistics & Chrysalis Liaison            | Mike Housh        | (513) 425-0682 |
| Gatherings & Fourth Day                  | Melinda Hannah    | (513) 887-7404 |
| Communications                           | Barb Carmella     | (513) 863-4904 |
| Registrar                                | Bev Hammer        | (513) 868-8885 |
| Lay Director Ex Officio & Team Selection | T J Bugg          | (513) 860-1623 |
| Assistant Spiritual Director             | Janine Youngstrom | (513) 893-0439 |
| Assistant Spiritual Director             | (Vacant)          |                |

## Men's Walk #16—Update



**"We could sense something in the air even as we kicked off getting to know our New Best Friends."**

What an incredible experience God brought to those of us involved with Men's Walk # 16 held at Camp SWONEKY September 11-14!

We could sense something special in the air even as we kicked off getting to know our New Best Friends. The 32 pilgrims that God selected for this walk seemed to bond very quickly at their table groups. The talks, both lay and clergy, were so powerful that it was obvious that the Holy Spirit was standing alongside each

speaker as they were given. Evidence of the powerful experience that was unfolding also came out as personal testimonies began to come out during the Friday poster party time. It just seemed that every event and activity that occurred had a special sense of God's hands being on it.

Many special moments stand out for me throughout the weekend, but those of you who were able to attend Closing witnessed some powerful testimonies, and every pilgrim took advantage of the opportunity

to share.

I want to once again express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the incredible team that God put together to serve the pilgrims on this Walk, and to all of you in the community who contributed in countless ways to make this event an unforgettable experience, and one that will bless the hearts of those of us involved for a very long time.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Bob Nothnagel

## Chrysalis Board Nominations Needed!

Chrysalis nominations are still being accepted for the newly approved Northern Lights Chrysalis Board. If you are interested in being on the ballot or if you have any questions, please contact...

Benji Sayre at—  
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Dan Johnson at—  
HillsboroUth@cinci.rr.com



**Community Support Needed!**



**Upcoming Chrysalis Flights**

There is still space available for the upcoming girls' and boys' Chrysalis flights. Both flights will be held at Monroe UMC. You can find applications on the NLE website.

**Girls Flight #6**  
Candlelight—Saturday, Nov. 29th—8 p.m.  
Closing—Sunday, Nov. 30th—4 p.m.

**Boys Flight #5**  
Candlelight—Sunday, Jan. 18th—8 p.m.  
Closing—Monday, January 19th—4 p.m.

| Northern Lights Team<br>Girl's Chrysalis Flight #6<br>November 28—30, 2003—Monroe UMC |                    |                  |                          |                 |              |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Karen Doerflein   | Lay Director       | Lisa Martin      | Adult Table Leader       | Kathy Edwards   | Logistics    |
| Teresa Maher  | Asst. Lay Director | Lisa James       | Adult Table Leader       | Debbie Dieterle | Logistics    |
| Becky Coning  | Asst. Lay Director | Laurie Steele    | Adult Table Leader       | Molly           | Logistics    |
| Katie   | Asst. Lay Director | Lisa Kerwin      | Spiritual Director       | Tavie Gunneson  | Prayer       |
| Melissa   | Youth Table Leader | Jan Toft         | Asst. Spiritual Director | Ashly           | Prayer       |
| Sarah   | Youth Table Leader | Dianne O'Bryant  | Asst. Spiritual Director | Kara Jones      | Music Lead   |
| Rebecca   | Youth Table Leader | Tammy Jo Reiser  | Asst. Spiritual Director | Molly Malany    | Music        |
| Candice   | Youth Table Leader | Benji Sayre      | Asst. Spiritual Director | Sherri Epure    | Kitchen Lead |
| Erin Eichenlaub   | Youth Table Leader | Bev Zehner       | Agape Lead               | Susie Harris    | Kitchen      |
| Monica Epure  | Youth Table Leader | Cathy Listermann | Agape                    | Jackie          | Kitchen      |
| Deb Taylor  | Adult Table Leader | Amy              | Agape                    | Debbie Dieterle | Kitchen      |
| Lauren Riggs  | Adult Table Leader | Brandy           | Agape                    | Jodi Fair       | Kitchen      |
| Melinda Hannah  | Table Leader       | Dianne Johnson   | Board Rep                | Jenny Bierman   | Kitchen      |
| Jenny Armour  | Logistics Lead     |                  |                          |                 |              |

| Northern Lights Team<br>Boy's Chrysalis Flight #7<br>January 17—19, 2004—Monroe UMC |                    |                |                |              |                    |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Kevin Savage  | Lay Director       | Dave Edwards   | Music          | Rick Taylor  | Adult Table Leader |
| Andy Garitson   | Asst. Lay Director | Todd Bridges   | Agape Lead     | Jim Shepherd | Adult Table Leader |
| Tim Coning  | Asst. Lay Director | Dean Doerflein | Logistics Lead | Wayne Farmer | Adult Table Leader |
| Herb Doerflein  | Asst. Lay Director | Greg Armour    | Logistics Lead | Tim          | Youth Table Leader |
| Dave Fair   | Kitchen Lead       | Rocky Bridges  | Logistics      | Don Maher    | Prayer Lead        |
| Charlie   | Youth Table Leader |                |                |              |                    |

*Be sure to watch the web site for last minute updates to the Team and Pilgrim lists!*

## Share your Experience by being a Sponsor

Remember what it was like before you went on the Walk to Emmaus? You heard about it and were a little curious, but probably thought that you weren't the right kind of person for it. None of us would have ever been on a Walk to Emmaus if someone hadn't taken the time and responsibility to sponsor us. Remember to thank your sponsor. One very special way you can do that is for YOU to sponsor a pilgrim for an upcoming walk.

You are probably wondering how you do it, who to sponsor and what your responsibility would be if you sponsored a pilgrim? The "how" is pretty simple.

First you get a Request for Reservation Form from someone in your church familiar with Emmaus or go the Northern Lights website and download a copy. The pilgrim fills in the front side and you fill in the back side. Send in the completed and signed form along with a \$15.00 deposit check to the registrar. Address information is on the form. Reservations are

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.gbqm-umc.org/nle](http://www.gbqm-umc.org/nle)

placed in the order they are postmarked so get yours in as early as possible for the next walks.

Pilgrims should come from your home church or people who are practicing Christians you may know at work or in your circle of friends.

The objective of Emmaus is to build church leaders. Remember that the Walk is subtitled "A Short Course on Christianity" and should act as a reminder to the Pilgrims of the love Christ has for them and the Grace he wants to share with them. It is NOT a place for people to have their first encounter with Christianity. They should also not be in a stressful situation concerning their physical or mental health.

Your responsibility as a sponsor is pretty involved, but very important in helping the experience be a positive one for the pilgrim and their family. Work on gathering those agape letters and help them prepare for the weekend. Offer to help with any situations that may come up with the family while their loved one is

away. Take the pilgrim to the walk on Thursday night and pray for them at the send-off. Pray for them before candlelight, as well as attend the candlelight service and closing. Be sure to check in with the family during the weekend and if their spouse and children have not been on a walk or Chrysalis flight, reassure them that their loved one is okay and having a good time. After the walk, offer to take them to dinner and bring them home to their family.

Encourage them to attend the post-walk meeting and their first gathering. If necessary, offer to drive them and invite their family. Don't forget to help them find a share group that fits their schedule to continue their fourth days.

Being a sponsor is a great way to share your experience with someone else and show your sponsor how much you appreciate them and the time they took to sponsor you.

Soooooo, if you are waiting to get around to it—here it is!

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